

THE EXCELLENCE SCHOOL

Pre-School, Primary, Junior School & Senior School

"Where Heroes of Excellence are Made & Born!"

NEWSLETTER 2026

WHERE HEROES



THEME:

**ROOTED IN GROWTH,
OVERCOMING CHALLENGES,
AND RISING IN EXCELLENCE!**

2026

**PLAYGROUP
2 YEARS+
PP1 - PP2
GRADE 1 - 6
GRADE 7 - 9
GRADE 10 - 12**

VISION • MISSION • CORE VALUES: SEE PAGE 2



OUR SCHOOL IDENTITY

VISION

To be an Educational Centre of Excellence.

MISSION

To provide quality, affordable and equitable education for an all-rounded global citizen.

CORE VALUES

1

Excellence

2

Integrity

3

Discipline

4

Respect

5

Responsibility

6

Innovation

7

Teamwork

8

Godliness





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HEADLINE

GRADE 10 PIONEERS RISE: KENYA'S FIRST SENIOR-SCHOOL CLASS UNDER CBE

Kenya's first Senior School cohort began Grade 10 in January 2026. National assessments opened on **Monday, 26 October**, and about 1.2 million Grade 9 learners have chosen their 2027 pathways.

SCHEDULE OF END-YEAR EVENTS

1. NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

From Monday, 26 October 2026. KPSEA (Grade 6) 26–29 Oct · KILEA 26–30 Oct · KJSEA (Grade 9) and KPSEA into early November · KCSE (Form 4) 2–20 Nov. Please hold our candidates in prayer.

2. PICKING OF RESULTS & END-OF-YEAR REPORTS

Saturday, 31 October 2026, from 7:00 a.m. at the Main Hall and open space, including the Gatina Campus Pavilion. Collect Term 3 and End-of-Year Reports, meet class teachers and plan next steps for 2027.

3. PP2, GRADE 6 & GRADE 9 MEGA TRANSITION GRADUATION

Saturday, 7 November 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Awards, performances and speeches from distinguished guests and education partners (see page 14).

4. GRADE 10 & 11 ADMISSIONS ONGOING

Admissions for **Grade 10 and Grade 11** at **The Excellence Senior School** are ongoing. See the back cover for contacts.

SAT 31 OCT

results and end-of-year reports day

SAT 7 NOV

PP2, Grade 6 and Grade 9 mega transition graduation

A SEASON OF CELEBRATION

From results day to graduation, the coming weeks honour every learner's journey, from our youngest PP2 graduates to our Grade 9 and Grade 6 candidates. Come ready to celebrate with us.



OUR GRATITUDE

As the 2026 Academic Year closes, we thank the Almighty God for His grace and sincerely appreciate every parent, learner, teacher and partner. 2026 was a defining chapter: the year Kenya's first CBE Senior School class began Grade 10, and a year in which we stayed rooted in growth, overcame challenges and rose in excellence.

Albert Einstein once said, "Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think." In that spirit we keep nurturing thinkers, creators, leaders and compassionate citizens.

1. YEAR IN REVIEW - CELEBRATING OUR MILESTONES

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND GROWTH: THE CBE SENIOR SCHOOL ARRIVES

3

career
pathways

7

subjects: 4 compulsory
+ 3 electives

15%

Grade 10 school-based
assessment weight

1.2M

Grade 9 learners choosing
2027 pathways

- ✓ **Where Senior School sits:** Grades 10–12 follow pre-primary, primary (Grades 1–6) and junior school (Grades 7–9); learners are typically 15–17.
- ✓ **Seven subjects:** four compulsory and three electives. Once a pathway is chosen, learners stay within it, so the choice matters.
- ✓ **Timetable:** 40 lessons a week of 40 minutes. Mathematics is *Core* for STEM and *Essential* for the other pathways.
- ✓ **Assessment:** Grade 10 formative SBAs carry 15% (MoE circular of 8 May 2026); Senior School placement combines SBA and KJSEA.
- ✓ **Next class (2027):** Grade 9 learners selected pathways, subjects and eight preferred Senior Schools across categories C1–C4 between 24 Aug and 11 Sep 2026.

STEM

Pure Sciences, Applied Sciences and Technical Studies: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Agriculture, engineering and more. National target: about 60% of learners.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Languages & Literature, and Humanities & Business Studies: literature, history, geography, religious education, business. Target: about 25%.

ARTS & SPORTS SCIENCE

Arts (music, dance, theatre, visual arts) and Sports Science (Physical Education; Sports & Recreation). Home of our co-curricular talent.

Sources: Ministry of Education and KICD senior-school guidelines; People Daily, Citizen Digital and Education News (2026).

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Pathway choice is guided by **talent, interest and ambition**. The co-curricular and academic enhancement programmes in this edition (music, sport, chess, robotics, phonics and our Career Day) build the portfolio each pathway rewards.



2. CO-CURRICULAR & EXTRA-CURRICULAR LIFE

Under CBE, talent is part of the curriculum. Co-curricular learning builds the seven core competencies: **communication and collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, citizenship, digital literacy, learning to learn and self-efficacy**, and it opens the Arts & Sports Science pathway.

A. MUSIC AND DANCE

98th

Kenya National Music Festival

140,000+

learners from all 47 counties

600+

competition categories

1948

festival founded; among East & Central Africa's largest

THE 2026 FESTIVAL

Held at **Kibabii University, Bungoma** in August, the festival ran under the theme *"Enhancing the Creative Economy through Knowledge, Skills and Artistic Production for Sustainable Development."*

New in 2026: professional artists joined teachers as mentors, following the President's directive to strengthen the creative economy. Equity Bank committed KSh 25 million to the festival and a KSh 2.52 million prize fund at national level.

WHAT LEARNERS PERFORM

Choral verse, singing games (Western and African style), folk songs, Taarab, Qaswida, cultural dances and elocution, from pre-primary learners to university students.

OUR 2026 RESULTS

The Excellence School presented **21 items** at the Dagoretti Sub-County festival under Tr. Brenda Khayosa, Tr. Sylvia Juma, Tr. Penina and Tr. Rebecca Onamo. **6 items** won 1st place and **3** took 2nd; **9** qualified to the Nairobi sub-regionals.

Three items (Classes 371, 385 and 1007) reached the regionals, and **Class 385, the Luhya Sacred Folk Song**, went on to the nationals at Kibabii University, finishing **4th in Kenya**.

A FAIR NOTE ON THE EVIDENCE

We prize the arts for creativity, culture and character. Research asking whether music lessons alone raise general academic scores is mixed, so we never oversell it.



CULTURAL DAY: OUR HERITAGE





B. BALL GAMES AND ATHLETICS

SUB-COUNTY

COUNTY

REGION

NATIONAL

EAST AFRICA

AFRICA / WORLD

SECONDARY: KSSSA 2026

Term One (Kisumu, April): Butere Girls and Friends School Kamusinga took the basketball titles, Moi Girls Kamusinga won girls' handball and Upper Hill won boys' rugby 15s.

Term Two (M-PESA Foundation Academy, Thika, late July to early August): football, volleyball, netball, rugby 7s, 3×3 basketball, badminton, table tennis, lawn tennis, chess and scrabble, with cricket, lacrosse, beach volleyball and baseball newly added. Winners went to the East Africa schools games in Morogoro, Tanzania, in August.

Athletics runs in Term One beside basketball, handball, rugby 15s and hockey, from sub-county finals in February to the nationals in April.

PRIMARY & JUNIOR: KPJSSA 2026

National finals ran in **Thika** (final day 6 August). Rift Valley topped the ball games with four titles; Nyanza also won four, including The Shelter Academy (boys' basketball) and Magadi School (girls' basketball).

Monire Junior School won boys' football and earned Kenya's place at the East Africa Junior School Games in Tanzania.

ATHLETICS AND THE WORLD STAGE: DAKAR 2026

Youth Olympic Games · 31 October – 13 November · the first Olympic event ever held in Africa

53

Kenyan athletes
in 13 disciplines

2,700

athletes aged
17 and under

25

sports on
the programme

15

Kenyan Youth Olympic
medals, all in athletics

Kenya's squad includes **3×3 basketball, rugby sevens, beach handball, athletics, judo, wrestling, triathlon and fencing**. Earlier this year Nairobi hosted the ANOCA Zone Five Youth Games, where athletes from Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia competed in athletics, swimming, 3×3 basketball, judo, cycling, tennis and beach volleyball. Our learners are watching the continent's young heroes, and we are building our own.

At The Excellence School: our learners shone at regional level in 2025. Football, handball, volleyball, netball, basketball and track-and-field training now feed one goal: **national success**.



C. BASKETBALL · CHESS · TABLE TENNIS · LAWN TENNIS

BASKETBALL

Fast, team-first and now global: both **5×5** and **3×3** are school disciplines in Kenya.

Butere Girls and Friends School Kamusinga won the 2026 secondary titles; The Shelter Academy and Magadi School took the junior-school crowns. Kenya's U-21 3×3 teams won bronze at the FIBA Africa Youth Nations League in Algiers, and 3×3 basketball is part of Kenya's Dakar 2026 squad.

Skills: teamwork, quick decisions, resilience.

CHESS

Kenya is a chess giant in the making: **8,451 players** at the 2026 National Youth & Cadet Championships and a record **4,700 players** (ages 7–17) at the Under-17 nationals at Alliance High School.

Moi Nyeri Complex Primary won silver at the Africa Schools Team Chess Championship (South Africa) and qualified for the World Schools Team event.

Research check: a meta-analysis of 24 studies (5,221 pupils) found a moderate benefit, strongest for maths, growing with time spent, though few studies used strong controls.

TABLE TENNIS

Small space, big reflexes: table tennis builds focus, hand-eye coordination and reaction speed, and is open to every learner.

It is part of the KSSSA racquet games. In July Accra hosted the **ITTF Africa Youth Championships** (20–27 Jul) and Youth Cup (28–29 Jul). At **Dakar 2026** table tennis (31 Oct–5 Nov) makes its first appearance on African soil, with singles and mixed team events.

LAWN TENNIS

Nairobi hosted two ITF junior tournaments on clay in February 2026: the **J30** (2–7 Feb) and **J60** (9–14 Feb), each with boys' and girls' singles and doubles draws.

Lawn tennis is on the KSSSA Term Two programme and in the ANOCA Zone Five Youth Games. A strong local junior pipeline is the missing piece, and school clubs are where it starts.

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3. ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMMES FOR CBE

A. ROBOTICS, CODING AND AI

OUR BASE

Our modern ICT lab takes learners in Grades 4–10 through Microsoft Office, programming and robotics. At the Coder's Hero hackathon at Starshine Blue School our **ICT Club placed 7th of 15 schools in programming** and won **3 medals in HTML coding**. The team was to compete in Kampala on 30 October; the event was postponed amid unrest in Uganda.

WHY ROBOTICS FITS CBE

Learners build, test and fix: a direct route to digital literacy, critical thinking and teamwork, and a springboard into the STEM pathway. It extends the hands-on spirit of our practicals and projects (page 10).

OUR ROBOTICS LADDER

Modelled on national competition bands: **Explore** (6–9 yrs), **Challenge** (10–13) and **Innovators** (14–18), with coding, line-following and sumo-style missions.

KENYA 2026: THE SCENE

AI for Good Robotics Youth Challenge: Bolder Learner Tech School won both junior and senior divisions at CEMASTE, Karen (9 May) and went to Geneva (7–10 Jul). Theme: food security.

Kenya RoboTech Championship: 483 participants, 138 teams and 32 schools at M-PESA Foundation Academy; Moi Primary & Junior School Kabarak were overall champions.

Inspire Robotics Challenge: 200+ learners from 10 schools tackled climate missions at St Andrew's Turi.

Inclusive robotics: Chipurobo and eKitabu trained 350 learners in 15 clubs in 2025, including schools for the deaf and the blind.

483

learners at the Kenya RoboTech Championship

138

competing teams

32

schools taking part

350

learners in inclusive robotics clubs



OUR ICT LAB IN ACTION



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B. JOLLY PHONICS: JOYFUL, QUICK READING FROM PLAYGROUP UP

Jolly Phonics is a systematic **synthetic-phonics** programme. For each of the **42 main letter sounds** children learn a story, an action and a song, then **blend** sounds to read and **segment** them to write. Its makers recommend it for children aged **3 and above**. In our **2-year-old playgroup** we start with the foundations: listening games, rhymes, songs, action play and the first sounds, and move to blending as each child becomes ready.

THE FIVE SKILLS

1

Learning the letter sounds

42 sounds with story, action and song

2

Letter formation

Multi-sensory handwriting

3

Blending

Merging sounds to read new words

4

Identifying sounds in words

Segmenting: the key to spelling

5

Tricky words

Irregular spellings learned separately

THE 42 SOUNDS IN SEVEN GROUPS

GROUP 1
s a t i p n

GROUP 2
c/k e h r m d

GROUP 3
g o u l f b

GROUP 4
ai j oa ie ee or

GROUP 5
z w ng v oo oo

GROUP 6
y x ch sh th th

GROUP 7
qu ou oi ue er ar

Taught in a set order, **not A-Z**, so words can be built early.

BLENDING IN ACTION: SOUNDS BECOME WORDS

s a t = sat

p i n = pin

t i p = tip

n a p = nap

HOW IT WORKS IN CLASS

- ✓ Short, lively daily sessions: **story, then action, then letter formation**.
- ✓ Children can begin reading after the first group; many schools teach **4-5 sounds a week**.
- ✓ Sounds are practised in songs, sand-writing, games and decodable books.
- ✓ Tricky words (such as "the", "was") are learnt by sight.

PARENT CORNER: PRACTISE AT HOME

- ✓ Say the **sound**, not the letter name: "sss", not "ess".
- ✓ Sing the sound songs and do the actions together.
- ✓ Five to ten happy minutes a day beats one long session.
- ✓ Read together every evening and let your child "sound out" easy words.

Why it suits CBE: multi-sensory, play-based and learner-centred. It builds communication, confidence and the *learning to learn* competency from PP1-PP2 into the lower primary grades.

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C. SMART CLASSROOMS, PRACTICALS AND PROJECTS

SMART BOARDS IN OUR CLASSES

This year smart boards were installed in our classrooms. They simplified learning activities for learners and brought pictures, diagrams, video and interactive tasks into everyday lessons.

Our vision stays the same: to integrate **technology, innovation and creativity into every classroom.**

PRACTICALS AND PROJECTS

Learners across the classes showed ingenuity by building practicals and projects from **recycled materials**, working as teams and solving problems together.

Limited materials and time were real challenges, yet the outcomes were inspiring and learners left with practical skills.

WHY THIS MATTERS UNDER CBE

CBE rewards **doing**. In Grade 9 the KJSEA includes a practical project (our learners made key holders from recycled materials in July 2025), and in Grade 10 school-based assessment carries 15%. Projects build the portfolio, the teamwork and the problem-solving that Senior School pathways ask for.



STEM PRACTICALS AND CLASS WORK: SCIENCE IN ACTION

Junior and Senior School learners at work in the laboratory



#STEM PRACTICALS



#CHEMISTRY BENCH



#SAFE LAB PRACTICE



#SPECIMENS



#HANDS-ON



#TEAMWORK

LEARNING BY DOING

Lab coats, goggles and masks, careful measuring and pouring, and close study of specimens: our learners practise real science safely, the hands-on learning that CBE and the STEM pathway reward.

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4. CAREER DAY: EXPLORE TODAY, INSPIRE TOMORROW

TUESDAY 28 JULY 2026 · 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Venue: Excellence School Main Campus, Kabiro Road.

Keynote speaker: Dr Mercy Igoki, educationist.

Who attended: learners from PP1–PP2, Grades 1–10 and Form 3–4, with parents, educators and community partners.

FOUR THINGS THE DAY DID

- ✓ **Meet professionals:** connect with experts in many careers.
- ✓ **Explore options:** discover career paths and industry opportunities.
- ✓ **Gain insight:** learn about skills, education and real-world experience.
- ✓ **Plan ahead:** take the next step toward personal goals.

"Dream it. Plan it."

WHERE HEROES ARE & EXCELLENCE

THE EXCELLENCE SCHOOL

Pre-Primary, Primary, Junior school, Senior School and High School
Explore Today. Inspire Tomorrow. Achieve Excellence

CAREER DAY

Tuesday 28th July, 2026

Explore Possibilities. Plan your future.
Be the change.

KEY NOTE SPEAKER
Dr Mercy Igoki
Educationist

MEET PROFESSIONALS Connect with experts in various careers	EXPLORE OPTIONS Discover career paths and industry opportunities.	GAIN INSIGHT Learn about skills, education, and real-world experience	PLAN AHEAD Get inspired and take the next step toward your goals.
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Achieve it! *Who should attend?* *Dream it. Plan it.*

STUDENT (PP1-PP2, GRADE 1-10, FORM 3-4) | PARENTS | EDUCATORS | COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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BUILD CONNECTION. BE INSPIRED SHAPE YOUR TOMORROW.

WHY CAREER GUIDANCE MATTERS NOW

With Senior School in place, the choice among **STEM, Social Sciences and Arts & Sports Science** shapes what a learner studies for three years. National placement asks learners to weigh talent, interest and ambition. A day that puts doctors, pilots, engineers and journalists in front of a ten-year-old turns "career" from a word into a destination, and helps families choose with their eyes open.

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5. FAITH, CHARACTER AND COMMUNITY

WORSHIP EXPERIENCE 2026

Theme: Rooted in Christ, Growing in Excellence

Colossians 2:6-7

Saturday 18 July 2026, from 8:00 a.m.

Excellence School Main Campus, Kabiro Road

Come expecting a life-transforming encounter through worship, the Word and fellowship.

SESSION I: WORSHIP, PRAISE AND THEME MINISTRATION

TIME	ACTIVITY	LED BY
8:00-8:20	Arrival and registration	Protocol Team
8:20-8:30	Procession and recognition of guests	MC
8:30-8:40	Opening prayer	Madam Leonida Odongo
8:40-9:00	Praise and Worship I	School Worship Team
9:00-9:20	Welcome and introduction of theme	Director
9:20-10:00	Theme exposition	Bishop Dr. Andrew Kakai, Christ Restoration Centre
10:00-10:30	Praise and Worship II	Living Hope Church Band; Minister Rodgers Abonzine

SESSION II: INTERCESSORY PRAYER

1	Thanksgiving for God's faithfulness	Mr. Leonard
2	Cover of the school fraternity	Mr. Marsh
3	Examination classes	Mr. Musyoki
4	Peace, strength and provision	Mr. Benard
5	Families and homes	Ms. Rebecca
6	The Nation	Mr. Darren

Closing: message from Pastor Isaac Muchungi, Living HOPE Ministries; special prayer for the school community; closing prayer and benediction; vote of thanks by Dr. Moses Wokono.

Faith in daily life: through worship, moral instruction and outreach our learners grow spiritually and socially, and we stay committed to nurturing humility, discipline and service in every child.

2026
WORSHIP
Experience
THEME
ROOTED IN CHRIST
GROWING IN EXCELLENCE

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

— COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 —

DATE
SATURDAY
18TH
JULY 2026

TIME
8:00 A.M
TO
4:00 P.M

VENUE
EXCELLENCE
SCHOOL,
MAIN CAMPUS,
KABIRO RD

HOSTED BY
— THE —
EXCELLENCE
SCHOOL

Come expecting a life-transforming encounter through worship, the Word, and fellowship.



WHERE HEROES
AGE 6
MADE & BORN
EXCELLENCE

THE EXCELLENCE SCHOOL

"Where Heroes of Excellence are Made & Born!"

PRAYER & MOTIVATION CONVOCATION Day

GRADE 6 | GRADE 9 | FORM FOUR

THEME ROOTED IN FAITH, STRENGTHENED BY PRAYER, EQUIPPED FOR EXCELLENCE, AND EMPOWERED FOR GOD'S PURPOSE

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 2026

"Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established." - Proverbs 16:3 (KJV)

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Prayer & Motivation Convocation Day: Saturday 24 October 2026 for Grade 6, Grade 9 and Form Four candidates, held as national examinations began. Theme: *Rooted in Faith, Strengthened by Prayer, Equipped for Excellence, and Empowered for God's Purpose*. Parents joined the school to speak blessings over candidates.



WHERE HEROES
AGE 6
MADE & BORN
EXCELLENCE

THE EXCELLENCE SCHOOL

"Where Heroes of Excellence are Made & Born!"

PP2 • GRADE 6 • GRADE 9

GRADUATION Ceremony

**SATURDAY 7TH
NOVEMBER, 2027**

THEME
BEYOND GRADUATION
NURTURING POTENTIAL, BUILDING CHARACTER, AND PREPARING GENERATIONS TO TRANSFORM THE FUTURE

Celebrating every milestone • Empowering Every Learner • Inspiring a Legacy of Excellence.

"We do not educate merely to complete grades, but to nurture potential, shape character, inspire purpose, and prepare learners to transform the future. Graduation is not the end, but the beginning of greater responsibility, service, and a lasting legacy of excellence."

Dr. Moses Wokono - Founding Director, The Excellence School

PP2, Grade 6 & Grade 9 Graduation Ceremony: Saturday 7 November 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Theme: *Beyond Graduation: Nurturing Potential, Building Character, and Preparing Generations to Transform the Future*. Expect awards, performances and speeches from distinguished guests and education partners.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

PHOTOGRAPHY: PRAYER & MOTIVATION CONVOCATION DAY

Saturday 24 October 2026 · Grade 6, Grade 9 and Form Four · The Excellence School grounds



#CONVOCATION DAY



#A GATHERED COMMUNITY



#WORD AND PRAYER

PROVERBS 16:3 (KJV)

*“Commit thy works unto the LORD,
and thy thoughts shall be established.”*

Learners, parents, teachers and guests prayed together as national examinations began.

GREAT PLACES TO SCHOOL AWARDS 2026

6th Edition · Friday 25 September 2026 · Weston Hotel, Nairobi



#THREE RECOGNITIONS

EMERGING POSITION 2

**Moral & Innovative School
Leadership**

EMERGING POSITION 2

**Sponsorship & Corporate
Social Responsibility**

EMERGING POSITION 3

Equity & Inclusion

WHAT IS GREAT PLACES TO SCHOOL?

Great Places to School (GPTS) is a research-based rating programme that identifies and recognises schools whose innovative learning environment and overall culture help develop the **total child**. Think of it as an annual report card that gives objective information on how individual schools perform.

WHO IS BEHIND IT

It is a project of the **Global Peace Foundation** and **Standard Media Group**, in partnership with the Kenya Private Schools Association, CEMASTE, Opinion Track Ltd, Moringa School and Safaricom.

OUR NIGHT IN NAIROBI

At the 6th edition, held at Weston Hotel on 25 September 2026, **The Excellence Schools** received three Certificates of Recognition. In plain words: leadership that joins strong values with fresh ideas, a school that gives back to its community, and a place where every learner belongs.

Congratulations to our teachers, management and learners.

Recognition like this belongs to the whole Excellence family.



#CERTIFICATES

6TH EDITION

25 SEPTEMBER 2026

Weston Hotel, Nairobi



VOICES OF 2026: THE YEAR'S MESSAGES IN METAPHOR

Every event carried a message. Here are the words that framed our year, each paired with an image that carries its meaning. *The images are our reading, not the speakers' words.*

THE TREE

WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

"...rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith..." (Colossians 2:6-7)

In a picture: Roots grow in the dark where nobody sees. The tallest tree is the one that spent the most time underground. Faith first, fruit later.

THE ANCHOR

CONVOCATION DAY

"Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established." (Proverbs 16:3, KJV)

In a picture: Before an exam storm, an anchor does not stop the waves. It stops the boat from drifting. Prayer steadies the mind so the work can be done.

THE COMPASS

CAREER DAY

"Explore today. Inspire tomorrow. Achieve excellence." · "Dream it. Plan it."

In a picture: A map shows every road; a compass shows which way you face. Meeting a pilot or a doctor lets a child choose a direction, then walk.

THE BATON

GRADUATION

"Graduation is not the end, but the beginning of greater responsibility, service, and a lasting legacy of excellence." (Dr. Moses Wokono)

In a picture: In a relay the race is not won at the finish line of one leg. The runner hands the baton on, faster than it was received.

ROOTED

GROWING

RISING

Our theme in one line: a seed that roots, a tree that grows, and a branch that reaches for the sky.



6. FINANCE REPORT: 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Parents' and guardians' contributions supported **daily operations, learning resources, staff welfare and the development of our facilities**. The administration kept to responsible budgeting and prudent use of funds, prioritising what lifts the quality of education and keeps learners safe and supported.

We appreciate every parent who met their obligations on time, as this kept operations smooth. **Parents with outstanding balances are kindly asked to make arrangements to clear them.**

7. SCHOOL FEES 2027

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- ✓ The **2027 fee structures are ready**, with some slight changes in how fees fall across the terms.
- ✓ Termly fees were reviewed: **Term 1 and Term 2 are slightly higher than Term 3**.
- ✓ The **total fees for the academic year remain the same as in 2026**, so there is no fees review for 2027.
- ✓ The reason: Term 3 is the shortest term, with only about **two months of study**.
- ✓ Please **collect a copy of the 2027 fee structure** so you can plan ahead.

TERM 1

slightly higher

TERM 2

slightly higher

TERM 3

lower: shortest term

YEAR TOTAL

unchanged

8. CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

DELAYED FEES

Hard economic times left some families unable to keep to payment plans, which held back some school operations.

LEARNING MATERIALS

Support in acquiring scholastic and other learning materials was often inadequate.

PARENT RESPONSE

Response was poor when parents were called to discuss their learners' academic welfare.

Each challenge has strengthened our resolve. We thank every parent and guardian for trust, patience and co-operation, and we will keep walking together as partners in nurturing heroes of excellence.



TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REPORT: 2026



The Excellence School administration thanks all parents and guardians for their continued support and co-operation in keeping our learners' transport **smooth and safe** throughout the 2026 academic year. The Transport Department stayed focused on **safety, punctuality, reliability and efficient management**, so that every learner travels to and from school safely and in an orderly way.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

1

Safety and Security

Road safety, responsible driving, proper supervision and adherence to school transport procedures remained firm priorities.

2

Punctuality and Reliability

Efforts continued to keep pick-ups and drop-offs on time and to minimise delays and disruptions.

3

Vehicle Maintenance

Regular inspections and servicing stayed high on the list to support the safety and reliability of our service.

4

Communication with Parents

We appreciate parents who report transport concerns and changes promptly, which helps the department coordinate better.

5

Learner Conduct

Learners are reminded to keep discipline, follow the instructions of drivers and bus minders, and behave well on school transport.

APPRECIATION AND THE WAY FORWARD

THANK YOU, OUR TRANSPORT TEAM

We sincerely appreciate the dedication of our **drivers, bus minders, support staff, parents and guardians**. Your co-operation plays a vital role in safeguarding our learners and keeping the school transport system running smoothly.

FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

- ✓ Notify the school **promptly** of any change to your child's transport arrangements.
- ✓ Update **pick-up and drop-off details** whenever they change.
- ✓ Keep your **contact information** current so we can reach you quickly.
- ✓ Raise transport concerns early, so the department can coordinate services well.

FOR LEARNERS

- ✓ Be ready at your **designated pick-up point on time**.
- ✓ Observe all **transport safety guidelines**.
- ✓ Follow the instructions of **drivers and bus minders**.
- ✓ Show discipline and good conduct on every trip.

ON TIME

DISCIPLINED

LISTEN

SAFE

TOGETHER, A SAFE AND RELIABLE JOURNEY

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Together we can provide a safe, reliable and supportive transport service for every one of our learners, every day.

SAFE SCHOOL TRANSPORT IN KENYA: THE RULES

School transport is a mobile classroom. Kenya's **Traffic (School Transport) Rules, 2024** and the directives of the **National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA)** set what every school vehicle, driver and attendant must meet.

30%+

of road crash victims
in Kenya are children

80

km/h maximum
speed for school vehicles

2×

inspections a year
for each school vehicle

1

working seat belt
for every child

THE VEHICLE

- ✓ Comprehensive insurance and **roadworthiness** checks, with inspection twice a year.
- ✓ Functional **safety belts for children** and an operational **speed limiter** linked to the NTSA monitoring system.
- ✓ Yellow paint (code FFD800) and clear **"school bus"** marking.
- ✓ A fire extinguisher meeting KEBS standards and a first-aid kit.
- ✓ No overloading: every child gets a seat, and standing is prohibited under the draft rules.

THE PEOPLE

- ✓ Drivers hold the **right licence category** and are medically fit.
- ✓ Drivers with convictions for child abuse or driving under the influence are disqualified.
- ✓ Attendants are **licensed by NTSA** and pass an annual criminal-record check.
- ✓ Operators are held accountable: a vehicle that fails the requirements must not carry learners.

WHERE OUR PRIORITIES LINE UP

Our Transport Department's 2026 report points to the same priorities: **regular inspection and servicing, supervision by bus minders**, responsible driving, and parents and learners who play their part.

Rules summarised from the Traffic (School Transport) Rules, 2024, NTSA directives and draft regulations as reported in national media. Operating-hours limits differ between notices, so follow the latest NTSA guidance.

GATINA CAMPUS: OUR NEW BABY ON THE BLOCK



#GATINA CAMPUS

Our newest campus is now open for admissions!

The Excellence School family has grown, and **Gatina Campus** is our new baby on the block. Bright, colourful classrooms with covered verandas open onto a spacious courtyard, giving learners a fresh, safe and inviting place to learn.

Gatina Campus carries the same promise as our main campus: **quality, affordable and equitable education for an all-rounded global citizen**, in a school where heroes of excellence are made and born. It has its own **state-of-the-art facilities**, including an ICT Hub, a modern multipurpose hall and a laboratory (see the next page).

NOW ADMITTING

PG - PP2

Playgroup to Pre-Primary 2

GRADE 1 - 6

Primary school

GRADE 7 - 9

Junior school

BOOK A VISIT TODAY

Call **0722 726 171 / 0113 284 413 / 0728 828 073** or email **info@theexcellenceschool.sc.ke**. Visit **www.theexcellenceschool.sc.ke**.

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES AT GATINA CAMPUS

Gatina Campus has its own modern facilities, built for the way CBE is taught: learning by doing, with space to create, experiment and gather.



ICT HUB

A dedicated hub for digital learning. Learners build computer skills, coding and robotics foundations, supporting the CBE digital literacy competency and the STEM pathway, from the earliest grades up to junior school.

COMPUTER SKILLS

CODING

ROBOTICS



MODERN MULTIPURPOSE HALL

One roof for the whole school community. The hall hosts assemblies and worship, music and dance rehearsals, indoor games, exhibitions, graduations and parents' meetings, whatever the weather.

ASSEMBLIES

PERFORMANCE

INDOOR GAMES



LABORATORY

A laboratory for hands-on practicals and experiments, so junior school learners meet real science early: observing, measuring, testing and recording, just as our STEM practicals do.

PRACTICALS

EXPERIMENTS

SCIENCE SKILLS

A CAMPUS BUILT FOR THE FUTURE

From Playgroup to Grade 9, Gatina Campus gives every learner space to grow. Come and see it for yourself.

THE EXCELLENCE SCHOOL

GATINA CAMPUS · TRANSPORT · CBE PROJECTS

GATINA CAMPUS, TRANSPORT AND CBE PROJECTS

Our buses, our Gatina Campus buildings and learners at work on hands-on projects



#SCHOOL TRANSPORT



#GATINA CAMPUS



#GATINA CAMPUS



#CBE PROJECTS



#LEARNERS AND STAFF

TRANSPORT

Our yellow school buses lined up in the compound, ready for safe pick-ups and drop-offs.

GATINA CAMPUS

Classrooms with coloured roofing and a covered veranda around an open courtyard.

CBE PROJECTS

Learners plant and tend crops in raised beds and pots: learning by doing.



9. LOOKING AHEAD: 2027 AND BEYOND

2027 brings another milestone: the end of the 8-4-4 system and the full march of CBE, as our pioneer Grade 10 class moves to Grade 11. We remain committed to:

1

Upholding academic and moral excellence

2

Expanding digital, robotics and entrepreneurship programmes

3

Building a Jolly Phonics reading foundation from playgroup upward

4

Growing music, dance, ball games, athletics, chess, table tennis, lawn tennis and basketball

5

Strengthening mentorship, guidance and mental-health support

6

Promoting faith, discipline and community service

With God's help, 2027 will be a year of expansion, innovation and greater impact.

OUR GALLERY I: CAMPUS, LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY

Fresh close-ups from around The Excellence School



#CAMPUS LIFE



#SCHOOL BUSES



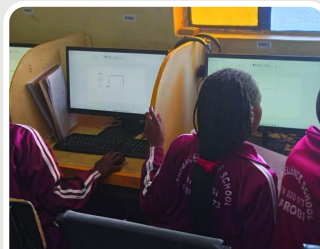
#SENIOR SCHOOL



#ICT LAB



#ROBOTICS



#CODING



#OUR MURAL



#EXHIBITION VISIT

THE EXCELLENCE SCHOOL

OUR GALLERY

OUR GALLERY II: HERITAGE, MUSIC AND MILESTONES

Culture, performance and proud moments



#MUSIC AND DANCE



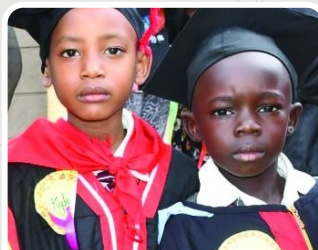
#CULTURAL DAY



#HERITAGE



#PP2 GRADUATES



#GRADUATION



#DANCE



#CHOIR



#TRADITION

THE EXCELLENCE SENIOR SCHOOL

GRADE 10 & 11 ADMISSIONS ONGOING!



CLOSING 2026 AND OPENING 2027

FRI 23 OCT

Term III 2026 closed

TUE 5 JAN

Term I 2027 opens

MON 26 APR

Term II 2027 opens

MON 23 AUG

Term III 2027 opens

School notice: Term I 2027 opens Tuesday, 5 January (Ministry of Education calendar: Monday, 4 January).

THANK YOU FOR ROOTING, GROWING AND RISING WITH US

To every parent, learner, teacher and partner: your trust, patience and prayers carried us through 2026. We step into 2027 together, ready for the next chapter of excellence.

**Warm regards,
THE EXCELLENCE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT**

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